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A Thought for Today

But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him.—I.

Each succeeding day is the scholar of that which preceded.—Publius Syrus.

Von Hindenburg

It will long be a moot question whether the Hindenburg of 1914 and the World War was a more outstanding figure than the grizzled old man who became president of the new Germany in 1925. Nations have always been partial to their military heroes. There are many parallels to the Hindenburg career right here in the United States. Washington was a soldier before he became a statesman and national leader.

Andrew Jackson was the hero of the War of 1812; later became president, and a great one, too. The Civil War gave us Ulysses S. Grant and the Spanish-American War, "Teddy" Roosevelt. The World War almost gave us General Pershing. We bring out these facts not so much to becloud any claim to fame Paul Von Hindenburg possessed, but only to show that military genius is often a stepping stone to political fame.

Hindenburg the president and Hindenburg the great military leader seem different characters to us. As the idol of the hour Hindenburg was a figure of great dimensions. As president he seemed a kindly old man in whom the populace placed great confidence because at one time he had saved the nation from the onrush of Russian armies. He may have been possessed of great qualities as a statesman, but over and above them he was a figure to whom one naturally turned for protection. Even the Nazi leaders of recent day seemed to feel his influence and to entertain the highest regard for it.

We doubt if his death will bring about any startling changes in the present German regime other than an increase in the power of Hitler. It also may spell the end of any and all thoughts of a returning monarchy in Prussia. Despite his popular election and reelection Hindenburg was definitely the last link between the monarchial Germany of the past and the Hitlerism of the present.

We Mark Time

The appointment of David Wilson of Hartford to the staff of the Attorney General of the United States, Homer S. Cummings, will not make any appreciable difference in the campaign plans of the democratic party of Connecticut. Still it is best to be prepared for any eventuality, so we recommend to-night that leaders give heed to the need of placing in charge of party affairs, in the event of Mr Wilson's resignation as chairman of the state central committee, a man sufficiently acquainted with them to insure a continuation of any plans previously discussed.

It is no open secret that Waterbury expects the advancement of J. Francis Smith of this city to the chairmanship. He is at present the secretary of the state central committee. He is believed to have whatever backing is required to assure his appointment in the event of any sudden action upon the part of Attorney Wilson. As yet Mr Wilson has not made known his plans. No doubt he awaits the return of Attorney General Cummings from his vacation trip to Hawaii.

Whether or not the duties of the Department of Justice will require his services in Washington late this month remain to be seen. But if they do it will certainly be the wise move for Attorney Wilson to tender his resignation, so that a qualified person may assume the responsibility of conducting the affairs of the party throughout the weeks prior to the state convention and then during the short space of time that elapses before the November election.

We have wondered if it would not be wiser to have Chairman Wilson retain his office until after November rather than change between the nominating and electing date. Of course should the resignation come now or before the first of September a successor to the office, such as Mr Smith would be, could take over the duties without any embarrassment or without hindering the plans now in operation and those contemplated. We rather incline to this latter plan, because we realize full well that the Waterbury man is well aware of the possibilities facing the democrats this fall and would make the most of them.

Soreness, But No War

Norman Davis, American "ambassadorin-general," who recently left Europe to shift for itself and came home for the summer, is reassuring on the war question. He doesn't believe there is going to be any war for a while yet. To be sure, he says, the nations are sore. But they are not sore at each other, as they have been in former critical times. The are sore at their own governments, at rival groups. Their ill will is domestic rather

than foreign. Where there is definite enmity across national borders, it is directed against parties and individuals on the other side, not against the other countries as units.

"They seem to realize that they and their neighbors are all in the same boat,' Mr Davis is quoted as saying in effect, "and that their troubles are economic, not political or racial." The governments, being aware of this feeling, knowing that their people do not want war and might revolt if a war were started, are careful not to start anything. Hitler is quoted as a good example. He may talk big, but when it comes to a real decision he backs off.

Shrine To Economy

It is said that the former home of Calvin Coolidge at 21 Massasoit street in Northampton is of more interest to tourists than the estate he bought after his retirement from the presidency. The latter, known as The Beeches, is a large, single house with fine lawns, gardens and trees about it. The former is one side of a plain, two-family house, on the corner of a busy street. The house is neither beautiful in itself nor set off with gardens or trees.

Why does the public choose the humbler house to look at? Probably because it typifies the man himself better than the latter home. The two-family house was not merely unpretentious. It was almost a stage-setting for the man who symbolized "economy" to a whole nation in a spendthrift era.

There is talk of buying the Massasoit street house and maintaining it as a shrine for posterity. The idea may appeal to many persons. To others it will seem a mistaken plan. The Coolidge birthplace in Vermont would be better for that purpose. The half-house in Northampton is worth preserving only for the material it would furnish a future student of the general folly of the boom years and the psychology of the man who was president of the United States just before the crash.

For some years now we have been hearing about too much government; therefore, it is a pleasant surprise to read that Professor Edward F. Humphrey of Trinity College, Hartford, would save our counties from the axe. In a recent address he said, "County governments" have grown up around the courts. If you abolish county governments, you abolish local government and make the courts more political than less political." However, you might save the taxpayers a few dollars and after all that's worth something today. There are few governmental reforms being put through that really accomplish anything in this direction. Usually it's the other way. We spend more money to develop a new arm of the government.

A thought that has passed through this writer's mind from time to time finally forces its way into print. We'll be criticized. But here goes, anyway. American congeniality is responsible for a good deal of the apparent lack of funds displayed by many people, not to mention the increasing amount of alcoholic beverages consumed. Two or three men enter a tavern or restaurant. Each buys a drink; others drift up; more drinks all around are bought. Treating friends to drink is expensive and causes drunkenness. If you don't believe us, study it out some day.

Associate Superintendent of Schools William E. Grady of New York believes our schools of today are loaded down with too many useless courses. We agree with him in many respects. We have acquired plenty of frills and not too much solid stuff. Careful weeding out would simplify the educational problem and make for better trained pupils. But the person doing the eliminating must be qualified.

Mussolini will save Austria from being gobbled up by Hitler, if he has to do it by gobbling her up himself.

The goose-step seems to have a peculiar psychological effect. Men using it think they're eagle birds.

"World's Suspicions Alarm Hitler." Well, is the man really waking up at last?

So They Say

The old things business did, the old practices it followed, are, some of them, no longer the right ones.—Joseph P. Kennedy, chairman of the federal securities commission.

Physicians have been so busy diagnosing and preventing disease that the individual harboring the disease has been almost forgotten—Dr Thurman D. Kitchen, president, Wake Forest, N. C.,

I've got what it takes, and unless something happens, I should be a 30-win pitcher.—"Dizzy Dean, pitcher for the St Louis Cardinals.

The depression should be saved; it keeps a lot of people from realizing they aren't any good.

—Don Marquis, author.

Selected Poem

PRODIGY

(J. A. in The New York Times) At two she talked to buttercups, Spoke to them as brothers;
At eight she versed her thoughts of love
As felt for her by others;
At twelve she penned and sold for cash
Neat sonnets with their couplets—
Then father wished his maid had been Identical quintuplets!
At fifteen round the earth she'd been; At nothing did she stickle:
She dined with rajahs and a queen—
But, ah, the world is fickle!
For now, at thirty, quite unknown,
With none to praise or slam her,
She lives within a mining town And teaches English grammar!

DAILY ALMANAC

High tide at Milford Saturday, August 4, 7:52 a. m., daylight time; low tide, 2:05 p. m., daylight time.

All vehicles must be lighted not later than 8:37, daylight time, tonight.

Rider Of The Western Plains



Daily Washington Merry-Go-Round BY DREW PEARSON and ROBERT S. ALLE

Authors of "Washington Merry-Go-Round" and "More Merry-Go-Round"

Roosevelt's Visit to Bonneville Dam Marks End of Power Company Dreams; Government now Controls Best Power Sites and Will Distribute Current; Naval Authorities Concerned Over Fleet's Performance on Recent Cruise; Movement Begun to Obtain More Men, More Drill and Less Ship Competition.

Washington, Aug 3.—The president's trip to the Bonne-ville Dam to-day and to the site of the Grand Coulee Dam tomorrow will mean to most peo-ple chiefly a spectacular, colorful trip through the magnificent mountains of the great north-

But to the big power com-panies it means the end of the Utopian dreams harbored back in the days when Sam Insull could float stock issues overnight.

Their dreams at that time sources of the country. And just were for giant super-power systems based upon the natural resources of the country. And just before the crash of the Coolidge Bull Market these dreams seemed on the verge of fulfilment. Huge holding companies built around Niagara and Hudthe United Corporation. and Commonwealth and Southern were preparing to develop

Only five years have passed since then, but Roosevelt's trip to-day shows how drastically the picture has changed.

THE POWER BEHIND Now the finest power sites are in the hands of the government, are being developed with govern-ment money for distribution, in many cases, through government agencies. They will function in a manner similar to the Tennessee Valley.

The Bonneville Dam on the Columbia river near Portland, will create a reservoir extending upstream for 44 miles It will pro-duce not only power but improve

navigation. At Grand Coulee, also on the Columbia river but in the state of Washington, Roosevelt will witness the beginning of a pro-ject which will have the largest power capacity in the world. It ranks next to Boulder Dam in the size of the dam, but is greater in the output of power.

It took years of debate to secure Congressional approval to build Boulder Dam. Passage of the bill was considered a historic achievement. It took even longer to secure Congressional approval for the development of Muscle Shoals.

But these New Deal projects, some of them just as hig, were unapproved through the Pub-Works Administration, with

A Book a Day

Tells Of Struggle Of Urban Negroes

BY BRUCE CATTON

Bearle Street, in Memphis, has been called "the Main street of Negro America." As such, it seems to be a colorful and inter-

seems to be a colorful and interesting place, and its history is the
story of how the colored man has
adapted himself to city lfe.
Therefore, George W. Lee's book,
"Beale Street — Where the Blues
Begin," is an entertaining book.
Mr Lee begins his story far back
in the past, in the days when the
great Mississippi packets clustered great Mississippi packets clustered thickly at the foot of the street, and the old plantation life of the deep souh sent the waves of its influence up the river. He shows how the colored man

after emancipation, began his drift to the cities, and how it happened that Beale street became a focal gro community developed there, how the negroes built their own racial life and strove to take their place as self-reliant members of the city.
On Beale street W. C. Handy got

his inspiration for his "St Louis Blues" and similar songs. Here, too, colored men built up a great insurance company, which the Ku Klux Klan tried unsuccessfully to

klux klan tried unsuccessfully to take over a decade ago.

Here arose colored theaters, colored business houses, colored political organizations — and, on the surface, appeared such frothy phenomena as fish-fry and barbecue places, gaudy dance halls, lodges

no ballyhoo, in some cases with-out the bat of an eye. The big power companies woke up one morning to find their dream vanished. THE FASHION

Horn-handed Henry Wallace is being sculptured. Shrouded in damp towels, the half-finish-ed bust stands on a tall working stool in his office. Characteristically the agricul-

tural chief is very shy about the "Who is the artist?" a friend

Blushing, Wallace replied: "To tell you the truth I really don't know. Some chap who has al-ready done five and says he has

eight more to go. It seems to be the fashion these days." NAVAL OPERATIONS

asked.

is being subjected to a quiet but searching analysis. The study is being made by the

the Office of Naval Operations, the G. H. Q. of the service, and is based on experience of the fleet in its recent Pacific-Atlantic cruise. Three major deficiencies have

been recorded as a result of the great training tour: Marked inadequacy of personnel.

2. Insufficient sea drill. . .

3. Qver-development of in-ter-ship competition.
On the first two deficiencies naval authorities plan to ask the next congress for relief. Money and authority will be sought to increase the fighting force, and to allow more sea cruising and

training.
The third complaint has ready been attacked. Regula-tions drastically modifying cutthroat gunnery and engineering competition between ships have been put into effect, and others OBSOLETE

The lack of personnel and sufficient sea drill, navy men say is serious.

Practically all the ships, they declare, are undermanned, some of them so badly that they would be unable to maintain battle speeds for any length of time, or to man all their guns

Criticism on inter-ship compe-tion was based on the contention that it had developed to such a point as to be defeating its own purpose. Commanders and men were no longer striving for the utmost in combat efficiency, but to making high individual scores. MERRY-GO-ROUND

Big, soft-spoken RFC Chairman Jesse Jones owns a newspaper, a hotel, extensive realty holdings, numerous other interests. But he carefully eschews any manifestation of wealth any manifestation of wealth . . . He sits at his desk in shirtsleeves. When he lunches in
his office, he drinks milk out of
a bottle. He likes nothing better than te swap stories with
callers . . The justice department does not intend to drop its ment does not intend to drop its
effort to obtain—an injunction
against the Weirton Steel Co, on
charges of violating Section 7a,
of the NRA. The administration was denied a temporary injunction some weeks ago, and
the department is now seeking a
neuronapart restraining order. the department is now seeking a permanent restraining order . . . Melvin Purvis, the department of justice agent who commanded the forces that killed Dillinger, pronounces the outlaw's name with a hard g instead of Dil-linjer, as it is commonly spok-en . . . The NRA Consumers Advisory Board has a PWA oil

Horoscope

By OCTAVINE

The day gives a tendency to improvident. Bad judgment and difficulty through contracts and writing is shwon in the aternoon. The evening is a good time for picnics and excursions although there is a slight indication of rain.

painting of a herd of sheep on its walls . . . Board officials deny emphatically that there is anything symbolic about the picture . . Labor Secretary Perkins' press conferences almost invariably include a little moralization leaves the correspondents. variably include a little moralizing lecture tothe correspondents, who listen in polite, but bored silence . . The Securities Exchange Commission has finally obtained quarters, but it will be a month or more before it can get into them . . The agency will occupy the entire upper floor of what is now the ICC building, but because that body is being delayed in taking over its new structure, the SEC is unable to obtain office space . . It is making use of the offices of the Federal Trade Commission, and is finding its "boarding out" none too comfortable.

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Press Comment

TRAVELING PRESIDENTS (Christian Science Monitor)

Peripatetic presidents and pres-idents-elect seem to be setting new political styles. Since some of the trail blazers are still on the wing, t is too early to form settled con-

ourneyings.
At the moment there are three itinerant statesmen. President Roosevelt, after visiting three foreign nations, Haiti, Colombia and Panama, is in Hawaii, From his contacts with the chief executives of the Caribbaan nations. contacts with the chief executives of the Caribbean nations, visited, positive good has already come.

Crossing his path is Dr. Alfonso Lopez, the President-elect of Colombia, elected, curiously enough, when he was in Brazil on a mission connected with the actilement of the Letter with the content of the content of the Letter with the content of connected with the actilement of the Leticia dispute. Dr. Lopez re-cently concluded a visit to Wash-ington, whence he departed for Mexico and the other Central American republics on his way to his native land.

President-elect Dr. Jose M. Ve-

lasco Ibarra of Ecuador first went north to Colombia and then turned south to visit Peru and Chile, where he was recently received and entertained by President Alesand entertained by Present the first sandri. He soon expects to fly to Argentina in continuation of his tour. Dr. Velasco Ibarra, in an address in Chile, indicated that one of his purposes was the developof his purposes was the develop-ment of a more unified Latin America. That his hopes are not altogether vain is justified by the happy results of the visit of Presi-dent Justo of Argentina to Brazil last fall and by the rapproche-ment between these traditionally heattle patiens

hostile nations.

Mr. Hoover, when he made his pre-inaugural tour of Latin America in 1928, may have given the movement an impetus. The results in the United States, for the time being, at least, were startling. Stu-dents flocked to hitherto unattended courses on Latin America; newspapers appointed correspondents in important Latin-American capitals; and American foreign policy with respect to Latin America began to change. If the Latin-American nations reap similar results from the meanderings of after ten yet their chief statesmen, the practice still so devot may become intrenched in inter- his presents. national relations.

(Iola (Kan.) Register.)

This funny English language! There is no justification in any-body's dictionary for pronouncing "route" any other way than "root". "route" any other way than "root", And it is commonly pronounced that way when referring, for instance, to "following the shortest route from Kansas City to Tulsa." But whoever heard of "rooting" a tourist to Tulsa via Iold? What paper boy ever carried a "paper "root march" or gave an order to sides our own impeccable Capt Thompson) ever conducted a Thompson) ever conducted a "rot march" or gave an order to "root step"?

SON NAMED V-8 FORD surface, appeared such frothy phenomena as fish-fry and barbecue places, gaudy dance halls, lodges and the like.

It makes a strangely interesting show good judgment. Friends and story — and a valuable one, too, since it is an excellent study of the struggles and problems of the urban negro.

Published by Ballou, the book sells for \$2.50.

To-day's Birthdate

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You should be truthful and show good judgment. Friends and problems of the portance to you and philosophy should be of much interest. Be careful of your money from Nov. Structured this mothod of honoring the motor car, and registered his son's name on the Johnson county record.

Questions And Answers

The Democrat's Washington Information Bureau

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THE EDITOR

Q. What is the address of Carrie Jacobs Bond?

Q. Could a person live on the moon? The moon is a dead world

Who wrote the song "Beau.

What is the largest bird that

The California Condor. In-

Q. Do sunken ships rest on the

Paris Letter

By THOMAS COPE

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Paris, (UP)—Despite the heat,
French cocoa producers are having

Production Up Approximate figures on the occa-market issued here for the

under survey grew only from around 500,000 tons to \$525,000

The financial sheet gives the main cocoa-producing fields for 1933 as follows: Great Britain, Gold Coast235,000 tons Nigeria 68,000 "

Ivory Coast ... 36,000 " Brazil 94,000 " Total 303,000 tons
Fine Grade Bean
Trinidad, Venezueda, Santo Do-

That a Dartmouth man says ROUTE AS IT IS PRONOUNCED this is the age of clever women.
He must be clairvoyant to KNOW the age of a clever woman.

That a Vine street woman named her pet rabbit Dillinger, because it laughed at her efforts to keep it confined. Somehow this writer can't imagine giving a pet that name unless it were a pet

That a Waterville man voluntarily stayed home one evening "to get acquainted with his family." The first half he spent with head buried in a Wild West thriller; the rest of the evening he entertained them with a high-toned nasal solo.

That a Brooklyn miss stears to the truth of the following short. Short. On a recent visit to that popular resort, the hospital, a Scotch roommate complained of the too-often used word "sure." "You Americans cay 'sure.' What does the word mean—do you know?" And the miss felt like diving under the sheets after enswering, "Sure."

Q. Did Johnny Weismuller do Q. Can a patent be obtained on the trapeze work in "Targan, the a game?"

Ape Man?"

A. Alfredo Cordona, a circus aerialist, doubled for him in the tree-top gymnastics in that picutre.

Q. What is a eugenic child?

A. One whose parents have been carefully selected for healthy and intelligent breeding.

A. 2042 Pinehurst street, Hol-lywood, Calif.

Q. When were the first negro slaves brought to this country, and what was the name of the ship that brought them?

A. They were landed at Jamestown, Va, in 1619, from the ship "The Treasurer." commanded by Captain Daniel Elfrith.

A. The moon is a dead world and has no atmosphere and there is no possibility of life on its sur-

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In New York

Q. Is it true that male mosquitoes do not bite?

A. Only in the female is the proboscic fitted for biting and bloodsucking. The mouth parts of the male are rudimentary and he can not bite.

Q. When were Czar Nicholas II of Russia and his family murdered?

A. July 16, 1918, at Ekaterinburg.

Q. During which congress was Grover Cleveland president?

A. First term, 49th and 50th congresses; second term, 53d and 54th.

BY PAUL HARRISON

New York.—In the big town where you can hear every language spoken, from Iselandio Eskimo to East African Somali, there are almost as many v arieties of slanguage.

And it's likely that the Harlem barbarism or the Broadway idiom may prove just as puzzling as some expression from a little known Tibetan dialect. If you heard a Negro saying that his gal is "always beatin' her chops in off time" you might not know that he was complaining of her penchant for gossip. And if a Bowery bum declared that a cop had handed him a bundle, would you know that he had dragged him before a judge?

Broadway's favorite compli-

fore a judge?

Broadway's favorite complimentary adjectives are "terrific" and "colossal"—the first meaning "fair," the latter "good." "Absolutely gigantic" implies an advanced degree of excellence It's

seldom used.

French cocoa producers are having the chills and fever over the condition of the market and are drafting recommendations for the forthcoming international cocoa conference in London.

France and Great Britain being the two Europea powers most vitally interested, a three-cornered conference is expected, the third element being the cocoa-producing countries of Central and South America.

Theater Talks

In show business there's a le n g t h y glossary. "Business" means the pantomime part of a role. An "angel" is a backer of a play. A "turkey" is a very bad play that is "jerked" after it has een "panned." A "turkey" naturally "lays an egg." which is the designation for getting a cold reception.

Before entering a dressing Theater Talks

Before entering a dressing room it is conventional to call, "Are you decent?" which means "Are you dressed?" A "brace" is

Cane-bassoon. Rock crusher-accordion. Pretzel-French horn. accordion. Pretzel—French horn.
Meerschaum—saxophone. Lamb
chop—violin. Bollermaker—trap
drummer, Fog horn—base saxophone. Fish horn—soprano saxophone. Licorice stick—clarinet.
Snake charmer — oboe. Horse
teeth—plano. Bugle—cornet. A
Legree is a leader, and a chaser
is the exist music. is the exist music.

Dance Lingo Among dancers, especially in the taxi dance halls, feet are known as "cradles" and wise girls are cailed "owls." A "ship clip-Trinidad, Venezueda, Santo Domingo figure much less prominently on the production list, altoward menty of the list of the list

leads the world in cocoa consumption, the 1933 figures being:

United States ... 210,000 tons
Germany ... 91,000 "
Great Britain ... 72,000 "
Holland ... 47,000 "
France ... 45,000 "
Cocoa stocks, it is pointed out, are now around 370,000 tons compared with 215,000 tons in 1926. The price at the beginning of last year, 15 shillings, was one-fifth of the 1927 prices, and less than one-third of the 1929 prices, but increased to 17s 3d for 50 kilos at the end of the year. Midsummer price in London is quoted as 24s, according to the Journee Industrielle.

Chuckle Corner

Minnie and Her Man

Going on down the social scale, there's the language of the drug addicts. Maybe you recall the brash "Minnie the Moocher" song, in which a man named "Smoky," who was "cokie," took Minnie ... "down to China-town, an' taught her how to kick the gong a-round." Well, a cokie is a "hophead" who smokes "mud" or "hop," which is opium. And a gong is an opium pipe.

Narcottes in general are known as "gow" or "junk." Narcottes in particular are identified by their first letters—"c" for co-caine, "m" for morphine, and so on. Cocaine also is known as "snow," "happy dust" and "coke." "Burny' is powdered cocaine which is inhaled by the addict who wants to go on a 'sleigh the brash "Minnie the Moocher" song, in which a man named "Smoky," who was "cokie," took Minnie ... "down to China-town, an' taught her how to kick the gong a-round." Well, a cokie is a "hophead" who smokes "mud" or "hop," which is opium. And a song is an opium pipe.

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which is inhaled by the addict who wants to go on a 'sleigh ride.' "Artillery" is the term for hypodermic needles, which are used to inject a drugs to or "main line." "Ice tong doctors" sell "decks" of drugs to or "main line." "Ice tong doctors" sell "decks" of drugs to "junkers' when the whiskers" and "uncles" (terms for federal agents) aren't looking.

